AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claim in the application.

Claims 1-8 (canceled)

Claim 9. (Currently amended) A chain saw in combination with a device for braking a motor shaft within the chain saw, said device comprising a brake band that at least partially surrounds an area of the motor shaft, and at least one guide component that cooperates with the brake band and holds the brake band in its axial position, wherein the brake band comprises at least one projection formed as one piece with the brake band, said at least one guide component comprising a recess for receiving the at least one projection, said recess comprising lateral surfaces for engaging with the at least one projection.

Claim 10 (canceled)

Claim 11. (Previously presented) The device of claim 9, wherein the at least one projection is a bulge of the brake band.

Claim 12. (Previously amended) The device of claim 9, wherein the brake band is in the form of a loop having a radial work path, and wherein the at least one projection comprises an outside diameter, and wherein the outside diameter of the at least one projection is greater than the sum of the outside diameter of the loop plus the radial work path of the loop.

Claim 13. (Previously amended) The device of claim 18, wherein the guide component is attached to the housing.

Claim 14. (Previously amended) The device of claim 18, wherein the guide component is formed in one piece with the housing.

Claim 15. (Previously amended) The device of claim 18, wherein the housing comprises at least one radial recess for receiving the projections.

Claim 16. (Previously presented) The device of claim 15, wherein the recess is formed by two guide components.

Claim 17. (Previously presented) The device of claim 15, wherein the recess is formed in the housing by counterdipping in a die-casting tool.

Claim 18. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 9, wherein the motor shaft is contained within a housing on the chain saw.